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Upcoming Events at the Nabb Research Center

Tuesday, February 12 - 7 p.m.
African American History Month Lecture

Dr. Clara Small and Rev. David Briddell will present a lecture on researching African-American history entitled "Researching Our Roots: History and Genealogy." The presenters will discuss their ongoing research. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, March 12 - 7 p.m.
Women's History Month Lecture

SU History Professor, James McCallops, will present the topic "Women and the Vote: An Anniversary of Struggle" featuring an examination of the women's suffrage movement and early women's voting patterns. Free and open to the public.

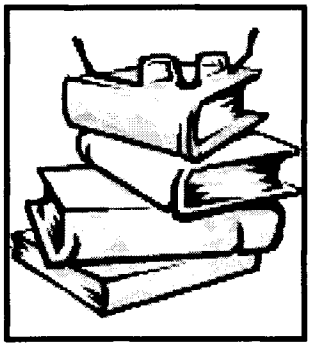
Saturday, April 27 – 1 p.m.
Maryland Archaeology Month Lecture

Dr. Elizabeth Ragan will present the lecture "Tales Untold: Where is Archaeology on the Lower Shore?" This presentation will address the neglected state of archaeology and archaeological research on the Lower Shore and what plans are underway to uncover new sites. Free and open to the public.

September 20-21
Tracing Your Delmarva Ancestors Seminar

Nabb Research Center and the Lower Delmarva Genealogical Society will co-host the seminar "Tracing Your Delmarva Ancestors." The Maryland Genealogical Society is sponsoring the seminar, which will be held at Salisbury University. Watch for more details in future newsletters or on our website at http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu.

Sponsor a Book Program



The Nabb Research Center is experiencing a "problem" that every library should have. Some of the books in the collection are just plain worn-out from overuse. Many of the students and patrons who visit the Nabb Research Center each year, use the same books over and over. Some of the overused volumes are only available in soft cover editions, and as a result, the bindings break down quickly and end up in tatters. Nineteen volumes of *Abstracts of the Inventories and Accounts of the Prerogative Court of Maryland* by V.L. Skinner, Jr. were in such bad condition that they were recently sent off site to be rebound. Many other books and book series in the Nabb Research Center's collections also need rebinding.

Nabb Research Center patrons can get involved in the rebinding initiative by underwriting the cost of a bookbinding for just $10.00 per book. Any person who sponsors a book will have their name inserted in that volume with a special nameplate. Some examples of books that need rebinding are various Somerset County will and inventory abstracts and census records; *The Early Settlers of Dorchester County and Their Lands* and *First Dorchester Families* by Calvin Mobray; and *Dorchester County Land Record Abstracts* by James A. McAllister (71 Vols.). We hope that you will assist the Nabb Research Center in making its collections more attractive and useable for years to come. If you are interested in this program, please contact Nabb Research Center Director Rebecca Miller at (410) 543-6312. Thank you for your support!

Genealogy Workshop a Big Success

On Saturday, January 26th the Nabb Research Center hosted a basic genealogy workshop. Dr. Ray Thompson and Dr. Clara Small who were the presenters for the daylong event spoke to a capacity crowd on a variety of topics related to basic family history. The speakers discussed where to start your family research, what sources can be used for genealogical study, particularly here on the Eastern Shore, how to take an oral history and the interpretation of colonial handwriting. The event was so well received that future workshops are being planned which would cover specific research topics or advanced family history research techniques. The event was highlighted in a news broadcast produced by Salisbury television station WBOC. The proceeds from the workshop will be used to host additional events at the Nabb Research Center throughout the coming year.

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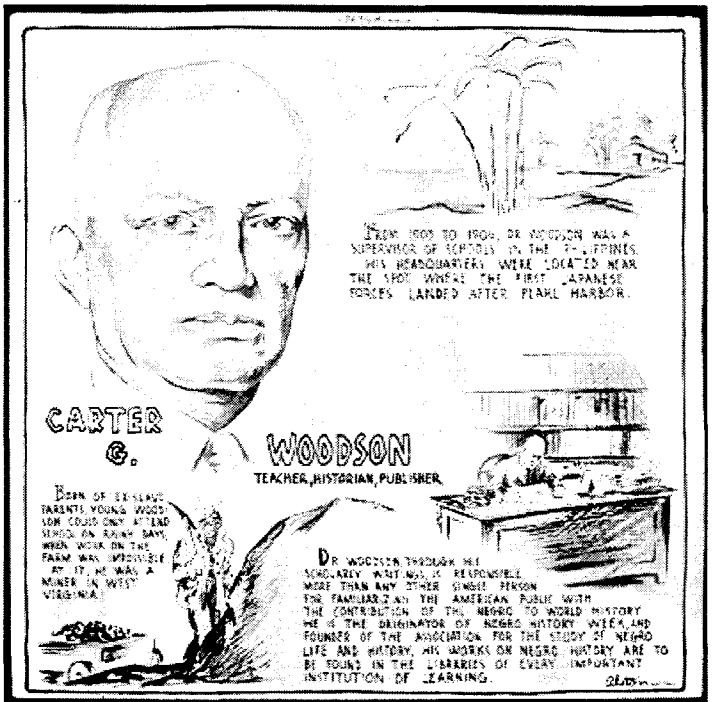
Nabb Research Center Salutes African American History Month

Have you ever thought about the history of African American History Month? As Americans take time this month to reflect on the contributions of African Americans to the history of the nation, the staff of Nabb Research Center salutes Carter G. Woodson. A Virginia native, Woodson was a self-made man who received a doctorate in history from Harvard University in 1912. While teaching at Howard University, Woodson began his life's work to promote the study of African-American and African history. Generally known as the Father of Black History, Woodson believed in the importance of a national celebration of the heritage of people of African descent. In 1926, Woodson's initiative resulted in the creation of Negro History Week, now Black History Month.

The Nabb Research Center will celebrate African American history on February 12th at 7:00 p.m. with the presentation "Researching Our Roots: History and Genealogy." This lecture, hosted by Dr. Clara Small and Reverend David Briddell, will focus on family history research techniques for African Americans. The lecturers will also discuss their ongoing work on a history of African Americans on the Eastern Shore utilizing oral history, official documents, and other sources. For further information about the lecture, please contact the Nabb Research Center at (410) 543-6312 or visit the website http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu.



"Carter G. Woodson: Teacher, Historian, Publisher," by Charles H. Austin (1943) Office of War Information, News Bureau; National Archives " from the University